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## Step by Step: Tactics

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*Step by Step: Tactics* is designed to improve your basic tactical skills. For best results, play the position out over-the-board and think for as long as you need without moving the pieces. You can also print out this page and use it as a workbook exercise in a classroom setting.

After the moves 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 b6 7.Ne5 g6 8.e4 Be6 9.Bb5+ Nbd7 10.exd5 Bf5 11.Ba6 Bg7, how did White cause Black to resign?



[FEN "r2qk2r/p2nppbp/Bp3np1/3PNb2/3P4/1QN5/PP3PPP/R1B1K2R w KQkq - 0 12"]

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| Checkmate         | Fork               |
| Deflection        | Pin                |
| Discovered Attack | Removing the Guard |
| Double Attack     | Skewer             |
| En Prise          | Trapped Piece      |

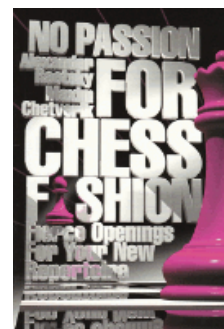
**Source Game: Burnier, D – Salzer, Robert**  
Open Crans Montana SUI (1), 28.04.2000

**Answer:** 12.Nc6 forces 12...Nc5 or traps the black queen after 12...Qc7 13. Nb5.

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